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For: METAL CUTTING BAND SAW WITH SUSPENDED SAW FRAME

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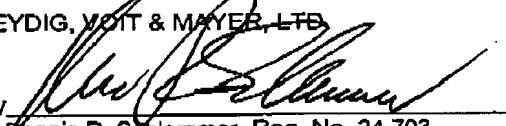
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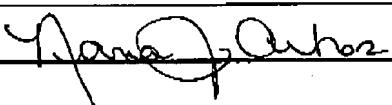
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2007, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species A (Figures 1 and 2) and Group II, claims 20, 30, 31, 39, 48 and 49, subject to allowance of a generic claim.

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Response to Requirement for Restriction

Subject to the provisional election, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the requirement. While the inventions of the indicated Species may be independent and distinct, the available evidence indicates that the restriction requirement is inappropriate and that the Examiner has not set forth a *prima facie* case in support of the restriction requirement.

There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions: (i) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claims, and (ii) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. M.P.E.P. § 803. Consequently, as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

In this case, it is believed that any thorough and comprehensive search conducted by the Examiner of claims of either Group would include the same areas of search regardless of primary classification. The "serious burden" test for restriction would not appear to be present. Indeed, in this case, the dependent claims in various of the Groups designated by the Examiner relate to the embodiment of FIGS. 1-2 and combine in an unobvious manner to achieve the benefits of applicant's invention. A search of the prior art directed to the embodiment of the FIGS. 1-2 is believed to reasonably encompass the claimed features of that embodiment without undue burden. Accordingly, it is requested that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn, at least for the requirement of electing only some of the claims directed to the elected Species of FIGS. 1-2.

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